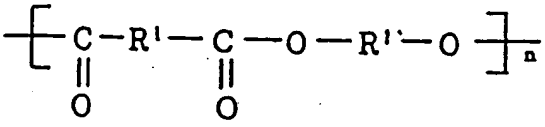
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A biodegradable bag comprising a laminate of a biaxially oriented film of which the major component is a polylactic acid-family polymer, and a film ~~of which the major component is~~ consisting of one resin selected from the group consisting of an aliphatic polyester having the structure of ~~the~~ formula (1) below and having a crystallizing melting heat Δ Hm (J/g) of $45 \leqq \Delta Hm \leqq 55$, a block copolymer of said aliphatic polyester and a polylactic acid-family polymer, a partial ester exchange product of said block copolymer, and products containing said block copolymer and a small amount of chain extender, and a combination thereof, wherein said biaxially oriented film is biaxially oriented by a successive orienting method in which longitudinal orientation is carried out by a roll method and lateral orientation is carried out by a tenter method, or by a simultaneous biaxially orienting method in which longitudinal and lateral orientations are simultaneously carried out by use of a tenter, said bag being made by heat-sealing said laminates so that said biaxially oriented film of which the major component is a polylactic acid-family polymer will be an outer layer,



(1)

wherein R^1 and R^2 are alkylene groups or cycloalkylene groups having a carbon number of 2-10, n is the degree of polymerization necessary for the weight-average molecular weight to be 20000 to 300000, n R^1's and R^2's may be the same or different, and in the formula, instead of the ester-bond residue, urethane-bond residue and/or carbonate-bond residue may be contained by up to 5% of the weight-average molecular weight.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented) The biodegradable bag as claimed in claim 1 wherein a zipper made of a biodegradable resin is provided at the mouth portion thereof, and said biodegradable resin contains as the major component a polylactic acid-family polymer, an aliphatic polyester having the structure of the formula (1) in claim 1, or a mixture thereof.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented) The biodegradable bag as claimed in claim 1 wherein said aliphatic polyester is a copolymer of which the major components are 1,4-butanediol, succinic acid, and adipic acid.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented) The biodegradable bag as claimed in claim 2 wherein said aliphatic polyester is a copolymer of which the major components are 1,4-butanediol, succinic acid, and adipic acid.